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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

HAROLD WALTER BATCHELOR

The importance of the April meetings of the Arizona State Library Association is outstanding and signal. No meetings have been possible since 1942. Many changes in personnel and practice have occurred. It is time now to reintegrate our members and our friends, to re-examine our purposes and our aims, to reconstruct our activities and our goals toward enlarged and positive values for ourselves, our endeavors, and our services.

The Association has suffered mainly from its own loose structure and its geographical distances. Such handicaps were most apparent in the promotion of the recent legislative action by the State Aid Committee. Now the handicaps are even looming greater, caused by the enlarged relations originating in Chicago and Washington, and the related activities accelerated in our own state and local circles.

The needs most urgently to be considered by the Association as I see them, are:

1. Strengthening the organizational structure by establishing three auxiliary sections or divisions, namely children and school, college and special, county and public, each with an elected chairman and secretary. The president of the association would then have key persons with whom to work in the respective fields.
2. Evaluating the present responsibilities of existing officers, and recommending equitable distribution of responsibilities.
3. Determining a financial pattern in which income is greater or equal to expenses.
4. Increasing membership.
5. Cooperating with national library agencies.
6. Drafting a future legislative program.
7. Establishing a public relations activity, particularly in the areas of friends of the library movement, school administrators, and the citizens at large.
8. Promoting worth while and needed association projects, such as a list of serials in Arizona libraries, a list of books for Arizona school libraries, etc.

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The problems and the issues regarding these needs should be considered at the morning business meeting, and since the time for discussion will be necessarily limited, it is to be hoped that each member will have previously prepared himself by study and reflection, and have finally concluded his own individual solution or stand in order to expedite the will of the group as a majority. If you cannot participate at the meeting, please write to your officers, stating your solution or stand.

MATTHEWS

Probably much of the work will be referred to committees, or will be carried over into the afternoon round-tables. These round-tables will be very informal and democratic. Each is formed under a chairman, with a panel of speakers. The topics will be introduced by the respective speakers, followed by an elaboration by the panel, and concluded by an open discussion by the members. Each part should cover about a ten minute interval, thus providing about a half hour per topic. It is hoped through such a plan that the topics will be meaningful and interesting to all, and in conclusion the chairman should be able to make specific recommendations and reports back to the officers for future action.

Fortunately the Association will have a helpful exhibit of commercial houses and services at the meeting. These exhibitors are coming from far and near, and it is hoped that each members will inform himself and avail himself of their products and specialties. These and others are also advertising in this publication, and your support of their products and specialties is encouraged.

So until April 13th when I hope we will all see you at the meeting, good luck and good librarianship.

PROGRAM

Arizona State Library Association Meeting
The Lyceum, Arizona State College, Tempe, Arizona
Saturday, April 13, 1946

Theme: Group thinking, group planning and group action.
Harold Walter Batchelor, President. *RS 334715'37*

9:00 Registration.
Exhibits.

10:00 Business meeting

Call to order

Words of welcome: Doctor Grady Gammage

Response: Mrs. Dixie Thompson, Past President

Introduction of guests and exhibitors

Presidential message: Group thinking, group planning and
group action—Harold Walter Batchelor.

Old business

New business

Reports of committees:

Library Development Fund: Alvida Hansen

State Aid Legislation: Marie Siedentopf

Arizona Federal Relations Committee: Dixie Thompson

Report of the treasurer: Elvera Weathersbee

Resolutions

Report of the nominating committee: Patience Golter

12:15 Adjourn for luncheon

12:30 Luncheon at the College dining hall

1:30 Reconvene for the respective round-tables

4:00 Exhibits

7:00 Banquet, Y.W.C.A., 234 West Monroe, Phoenix

"Then and now": Irma Wilson

Guests welcome, price \$2.00

Reservations close Monday, April 8th

Committees:

Hospitality and arrangements: Matthews Library staff, Tempe, Ariz.

Exhibits: Mary Elsie Caruso, Librarian, Grunow Memorial Clinic,
Phoenix

Banquet: Jane Hudgins, Librarian, Phoenix Public Library.

Round-tables:

Children's Department and School Libraries

Arizona State Library Association

The Lyceum, Tempe, Arizona

Saturday, April 13, 1946, 1:30-4:00

Theme: Books and book service to children in post-war Arizona.

Charlotte Terrill, Peoria School Librarian, Chairman

The school library today and tomorrow in Arizona in terms of functions and standards as prepared by the Committee on Post-War Planning of the A.L.A.

Charlotte Terrill, Peoria School Librarian.

School and public library administrative cooperation: recent developments.

Patience Golter, Children's Librarian, Phoenix Public Library

Elementary school library development in Phoenix.

Gertrude James, Supervisor of Libraries, Phoenix Elementary Schools.

The librarian in the smaller high schools of Arizona.

Jennie D. Welcome, Douglas High School Librarian.

The rural school libraries and state supervision.

Dixie Thompson, Osborn School Librarian.

College and Special Libraries

Arizona State Library Association

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Saturday, April 13, 1946, 1:30-4:00

Theme: Post-war backgrounds for college and special libraries in Arizona.

Harold Walter Batchelor, Chairman.

Book specialization in the libraries of higher education in Arizona.

Patricia Paylore, University of Arizona, Acting Librarian. SS'36

The future of the junior college libraries in Arizona.

Charles Kiser, Gila Junior College Librarian.

The union catalog as a tool in Arizona library development.

Mulford Winsor, Director, State Department of Library and Archives.

County-Public Libraries

Arizona State Library Association

The Lyceum, Tempe, Arizona

Saturday, April 13, 1946, 1:30-4:00

Theme: County and public libraries in post-war Arizona.

Evangeline S. Berryman, Maricopa County Librarian, Chairman.

Vocational and avocational material for the veteran.
Jane Hudgins, Phoenix Public Librarian.

Post-war libraries from the veteran's point of view.
Velma Teague, Glendale Public Librarian.

Attitude of the librarian.
Alvida Hansen, Reference Librarian, Phoenix Public Library.

A field librarian's view.
M. Jeannette Jarrett, Post Librarian, Williams Field.

Fitting the librarian to a progressive world.
Marie Siedentopf, Assistant Maricopa County Librarian.

ARIZONA NATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To assist the National Relations Program of the American Library Association, state committees composed of the state coordinator, publicity manager, president of the state library association, and the director of the state library agency have been recommended.

The duties of the state coordinator include serving as chairman of the state committee, developing library and citizen support for both the Action Program and publicity activities within the state, planning, with Mr. Howard, all state political action in support of the program and to see that machinery is organized to make the plans work, integrating publicity with the action program within the state.

The duties of the publicity manager include cooperating with the coordinator and developing efficient publicity channels through local libraries, state and local papers, radio stations, etc., placing publicity material originating in Chicago either directly or through local libraries, following through on publicity suggestions originating in Chicago, co-operating with local libraries in planning supporting publicity, developing ideas for supporting publicity, and passing them on to local libraries, and serving as critic of materials provided by the Chicago office, and keeping the Chicago office informed of results obtained and new ideas tried out.

The duties of the state association president include serving as a consultant, and organizing the support of the state association.

The duties of the director of the state library agency include serving as a consultant, providing needed information on state library conditions, serving as liaison with state government, providing some facilities for communications with libraries.

The coordinator, publicity manager, and director of the state library agency are expected to serve, if possible, for the four year period of the program.

The four members of the Arizona Federal Relations Committee include Dixie Thompson, coordinator; Genevieve Carleton, publicity manager; Harold Batchelor, state association president, and Mulford Winsor, director of the state library agency.

Both the responsibilities and the qualifications of these important positions on the committee are extensive and demanding—requiring time, enthusiasm, prestige, ability and experience. The organizing by them of the support by citizens and the press within the state, by all odds, is their most important job, but their success in part will require the cooperation of all members of the state and local library circles. Let us all begin now to help the Arizona Federal Relations Committee toward success in their huge undertaking.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE DEMONSTRATION ACT

A bill introduced into the House of Representatives, H.B. 5742, March 12, 1946 by Emily Taft Douglas of Illinois and into the Senate, S.B. 1920 by Lister Hill of Alabama, proposed to provide for the demonstration of public library service in areas without such service or with inadequate library facilities. It is the purpose of the act to aid the states in demonstrating public library service to those people now without it or with inadequate service, and to provide a means by which the values of public library service may be studied and any resulting conclusions reported to the nation.

Arizona could be provided with from \$25,000 to \$125,000 a year for demonstrations of public library service. The bill calls for federal grants to the states for library service amounting to \$25,000 a year for four years, plus an additional \$25,000 to \$50,000 which would be available to the states on a matching basis.

According to the terms of the bill, Arizona could receive federal benefits after submitting a plan for use of the money to the U. S. Commissioner of Education. The bill eliminates federal control as soon as states submit plans which meet basic specifications outlined in the bill.

With the defeat of the Act Relating to Libraries; Providing for the Equalization and Extension of Library Service, and Making an Appropriation, in the Seventeenth Legislature, Arizona is without a proper and needed division of library equalization and extension, and accordingly is handicapped in seeking or accepting such funds or promoting such activities. A new legislative committee must be appointed to continue a program of library extension in the Eighteenth Legislature. Think the issues through and bring your ideas to the Business meeting on the morning of April 13th. This is *urgent business*.

PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY PLANS FOR A NEW BUILDING

JANE HUGGINS

The proposed Memorial Service Library Building is the very last word in library construction, arrangement and equipment. Indoor reading capacity for 300 people, this modern library will be adequate as the central plant for a community of 300,000.

We will be proud to possess such a magnificent library building as a part of the War Memorial Center. This building is spacious enough to efficiently house 325,000 books. A unique feature contemplated is three high-walled outdoor reading patios, giving additional reading capacity for more than seventy-five people. When completed, this new public library will be one of the most modern library buildings in the country, of which the entire state of Arizona can well be proud.

The Arizona War Memorial will be built upon the plot of land at Central Avenue and McDowell Road, given to Phoenix for use as a cultural center. The group of War Memorial Buildings as tentatively planned, will include a four level public library, a two-floor combination art museum-exhibition and auditorium building, and a double staged little theatre.

More than \$400,000 has been received by public subscription for the Civic Center, of which the library is a part. This was accomplished through the efforts of many civic-minded Phoenicians and others throughout the state. Some of the special features of this building are: memorial rotunda; Braille room for the blind; youth room; outdoor reading patios for adults; patio for children with fireplace, aquarium and Christmas tree for story hour and other outdoor activities; children's library with ample space adjacent for story hour or book reviews; music room, which will have sound-proof rooms for piano and phonograph; reference room; Arizona room; lecture room; rare book room; individual students study rooms. There will be four levels underground for stack rooms.

The present building was built forty years ago and has had no additions built since that time. At that time it served a population of 5,000 people. The building is now crowded beyond belief.

Because of the lack of materials and a forty to fifty percent increase in the cost of building, the money has been invested in government bonds. It is hoped building construction will start not later than three years from this date.

A.L.A. CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

June 16 through June 23 has been selected as the date for the 65th Annual Conference of the American Library Association, to be held in Buffalo, New York. No hotel will be chosen as conference headquarters. Offices will be located and meetings will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, and an attendance of about 5,000 or more is expected.

MAGAZINE TO SPONSOR LIBRARIAN AWARD AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Franklin Hopper, director of the New York Public Library; Miss Althea Warren of the Los Angeles Public Library, last year's president of the American Library Association; and this year's president, Mr. Ralph A. Ulveling of the Detroit Public Library have kindly consented to serve as a committee of three to select a recipient for Letter's Librarian Award to be announced in June at the National Conference in Buffalo. The award will be a gold medal or the sum of one hundred dollars according to the desire of the recipient.

The idea of Letter's Librarian award is to choose some one who especially symbolizes the way librarians use their professional skill to humanize knowledge for everyday people. The little immigrant children, the farmers' boys and girls, the old, the young, the sophisticated and simple, the learned and the lonely scholars from countries where libraries have long been verboten—it is for them that libraries open doors into life. . . . Medals for law, science, and advertising may follow.

From LETTER, February, 1946.
Ada McCormick, Publisher & Editor.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Mrs. Dixie Thompson, Librarian at Osborn School in Phoenix sent in the interesting news that Osborn School District is to have one new library building and two remodeled libraries. The new building will be at Osborn School. It is to be built according to standards set by A. L. A. as far as floor space per pupil, seating capacity and shelf space is concerned. It will have one glassed in conference room and a librarian's work room. The present library at Longview School is to be remodeled, giving more floor space and shelving room. Grandview School will have a new library quarters, for a large class room has been converted into a library, with a librarian's work room.

Jane Hudgins, Librarian, Phoenix Public Library, will be chairman of the State Convention Banquet which will be held at the Y.W.C.A. at seven-thirty on April 13th. Assisting her will be Marion Rittick and Genevieve Carlton, librarians at North Phoenix High School.

The Phoenix Public Library will be on the move in April. Two buildings used by the Civil Air Patrol will be moved to the library grounds. The children's department, long overcrowded will be moved to one building while the adult biography section will be housed in the other. This was a necessary move since space is needed at once. City librarians will be particularly interested to learn that Phoenix city employees are following the example of Tucson city employees and will place on the ballot on April 2nd an amendment to the charter for a retirement plan. Social items of interest from the Phoenix Public Library tell us that Richard Golter, son of Mrs. Patience K. Golter, has received his discharge after three years in the navy. He will be married April 10th to Miss Ladye Chapman of Phoenix. Jack Metz, husband of Mrs. Deborah J. Metz, has recently been discharged from the army. Mr. G. W. Weathersbee, husband of Elvera Weathersbee, is in Fort Bliss, Texas awaiting his discharge. Frederick M. Stilt, son of Mrs. Jane Stilt, has recently been discharged from the Army Air Corps.

Salt River Valley Librarians Club met at the Junior College on February 8th to form a constitution. Chairman of the meeting was Miss Marie Siedentopf.

Mrs. Gertrude Burt, Pima County Librarian, reports that the branch library at Ajo has been established and is functioning. It is housed in a fairly large cheery room above the bank and 1,000 brand new books brighten the walls and contribute to its attractive appearance. The citizens are most appreciative. Mrs. J. H. Elliott of Ajo is the librarian. She is a most capable person, having had library training and experience and is well known in the community. Mrs. Burt considers the library fortunate in having obtained her services. Two more county library stations will be established in the near future—one at Sunnyside School south of town and one at Catalina Junior High School north of the city. Mrs. Burt says that the main library circulation has doubled since county service was initiated.

Tucson Public Library staff members in the news include Mrs. Gladys Tarr of Chicago who has just recently joined the staff. Mrs. B. F. Peters (Catherine Mella) resigned from her position on March 15th. Mrs. J. R. Burns (Mayone Youngs) was forced to give up her position as children's librarian because of ill health.

Mrs. Annie G. Minhinnick, Librarian, Jerome Public Library, has retired after many years of service and is living in Los Angeles. Mrs. Charlotte C. Gardner is the present librarian.

Mrs. Louise O. Holm, Secretary-Treasurer of the Nogales Public Library Board writes that Miss Eleanor Davis, after twenty years of conscientious service as librarian, resigned because of ill health. Mrs. Ann Ashbey has been appointed to the position. Mrs. Holm reports

that in January the library had 14,000 volumes on the shelves and that they expected an increase of two hundred volumes that month. They have been receiving books for the International Mind Alcove from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace regularly, and they receive an annual amount from the Nogales Woman's Club for children's books. This fund is raised by having a Library Tag Day once a year. The circulation has been on an average of five hundred books a month.

Flora Eckert, Cataloger at the University of Arizona Library since 1932, resigned on February 1st to accept the position of Serials Cataloger at the University of Texas Library at Austin. Miss Dorothy F. Siebecker, Cataloger, Milwaukee-Downer College Library has been appointed to the position and will assume her duties on July 1st.

Mrs. Richard A. Harvill has been made Acting Catalogue Librarian at the University of Arizona Library until the arrival of Miss Dorothy Siebecker, the permanent appointee to the position. Mrs. Harvill, wife of Prof. Harvill of the Economics Department of the University, was at one time associated with Duke University Library.

Mrs. Evangeline S. Berryman, Librarian, Maricopa County Free Library, sent in the following interesting news items. Mrs. Byrd St. Clair has been given a six months leave of absence to take a course in story writing under Hudson Strode, writer and educator, at the University of Alabama. During her absence her place is being filled by Lydia Simonson, librarian, from Plaza, North Dakota. Marie Siedentopf, Assistant County Librarian, gave an interesting talk before the Parent-Teacher organization at Grandview School on March 13th. Her subject was "Why should parents be interested in the school library."

Maricopa County Free Library's annual report for 1945-'46 submitted to the County Board of Supervisors and to Mulford Winsor, Director of the State Library and Archives Department is as follows:

Number of books purchased.....	3,324
Number of magazine subscriptions.....	62
Number of books rebound.....	1,890
Number of books in library.....	54,232
Number of branches.....	68
Number of persons reached by free service.....	100,924
Area covered—square miles.....	8,891
*Book circulation.....	365,249
*Main branch.....	115,690
County circulation to branches.....	7,552
Branch circulation to rural subscribers.....	200,007
Circulation from reference room.....	24,000
Circulation from geneological collection.....	18,000
Total circulation.....	365,249

The Nominating Committee appointed to prepare a new slate of officers for the association for 1946-47 is composed of Patience Golter, Gertrude James and Dixie Thompson. The committee's report will be ready for the coming meeting.

The American Library Association invited the Arizona State Library Association to petition for chapter affiliation on July 19, 1945. The ten signatures accompanying the petition were: Patience Golter, Leta Weaver, Elvera Weathersbee, Evangeline Berryman, Harold Walter Batchelor, Frederick Cromwell, Patricia Paylore, Flora Eckert, Louise M. Milligan and Mayone Youngs Burns. The petition was accepted by the A.L.A. Committee on Chapters, and now the Arizona State Library Association is entitled to one representative on the A.L.A. Council. This representative is to be selected at the April Business meeting of the Association.

The Arizona State College at Tempe is offering instruction in Library Science during its summer sessions of 1946. The first session of June 3 to July 6 will offer book services, a course in general reference, loan and reader's advisory work; the second session of July 8 to August 10, will offer book organization, a course in cataloging and classification. Each course carries three hours of credit. In addition, special problems in library science may be taken for one or two hours of credit. Mr. Batchelor will give the instruction. Please contact him for further information.

Mrs. Robert Michael, a librarian wintering in Tucson with her veteran husband, has been appointed temporary Reference Assistant at the University of Arizona Library. With this added help the library can give almost full-time reference service at a time when it is badly needed. As in all other colleges and universities in the country, the demands for library facilities at the University of Arizona have increased greatly under the sudden influx of students.

Two librarians visiting in Tucson this winter are Miss Rose B. Phelps, Assistant Professor of the University of Illinois Library School, and Miss Fredericka B. Gillette, recently retired Head of the Circulation Department of the University of Michigan Library. Miss Phelps, who has been resting and studying during her leave, will resume her teaching of reference subjects early in May and Miss Gillette will go to California to visit friends.

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